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A
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Sent from
P O R T S M O U T H,

From a very Worthy Person there, To a Friend of His in L O N D O N.

S I R,

THough when I left the Town, I was so unhappy as not to see You, yet give me leave to make my self happy in Writing to You; And that will Inform You how the Lord hath wonderfully appeared in the business with Us at *Portsmouth*. This morning five Troops of Horse, and five intire Companies of Foot Revolted from the *Wallingford Party*, to the Interest of the Common-wealth: We sent out a Party to look upon the Enemy; and having good Intelligence amongst them, it pleased God the whole Companie came in, some few Officers only excepted; so that the Siege is Raised, and the Town at Liberty without a drop of Blood: The Garrison is exceeding Strong, and Your Friends here in great heart, and great hopes (by the Blessing of God) to Redeem the Publique Liberty: And believe me, as *Monck* is very Considerable in the North, so this Place will be in the South. Sir *Arthur Haslerig* and Colonel *Morley* have behaved themselves very Gallantly. The Isle of *Wight* is most part come in, unless it be *Cowes Castle*; a Party is sent to reduce it; and by this I dare say you may aver that is reduced also.

I doubt not but We shall have a suddain Opportunity to Write again to You; and as any thing happens here, You shall be certain to receive it from,

S I R,

Portsmouth, Decemb. 20.

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Your Most Real Servant,

N. L.